

RSPCA WESTMORLAND

WELCOME TO OUR FESTIVE NEWSLETTER!



We have received the best news we could have wished for! We're overjoyed to announce that our planning permission for our cattery has been **APPROVED!** Our 61st year as a charity brings new beginnings and will allow us to have a much wider reach and help many more vulnerable cats. This will be the first time we've been able to run our own cattery, and we are very excited at the prospect. We hope to welcome rescue cats to our modern facility in March 2026.

This comes at a huge cost, and we've been so grateful to have inherited a large donation to enable us to fund the build. We are a separate charity independent from the National RSPCA and we raise our own funds and make our own decisions. **NEXT STEP** is to raise **£75,000** to contribute towards the total cost of **£220,000**. Your generosity this Christmas can make all the difference. You can support us by:



A direct donation to our Christmas campaign, "Raise a paw"
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/raise-a-paw-to-build-our-new-cattery>



Organising your very own Christmas fundraising event such as a festive bake sale or a sponsored walk



A gift from our Amazon wish list



Amazon wishlist

Our Amazon wishlist allows us to identify items our animals are currently in need of the most, and provides you, the supporter, with another way to help the animals in our care.

We have a variety of items on our list and are currently in need of items to help set up our new cattery such as enrichment toys, specific foods and cleaning items.

You can have a look at the items on our wish list using the link below.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3P3DZ677XQ59Z>



A message from our Kendal charity shop

We are fully in the Christmas spirit now and would like to thank all the volunteers who have contributed to our beautiful window displays. We have loads of great decorations in stock as well as one of a kind Christmas gifts for every budget!

Our volunteer Annette raised over **£90** alone- big shout out to her and her outdoor swim ladies from Staveley pictured below.



Our purple poppies were super popular as always and we received a lot of positive feedback for our beautiful Remembrance Day window, done by Fiona our volunteer.

If you would like to get involved in knitting, crocheting or crafting purple poppies next year, pop in the shop. We have several designs and patterns you can copy and we can provide crafting supplies.



Shop Christmas opening hours

24th December 9am-1pm

25th December closed

26th December closed

27th December 9am-4pm

28th December closed

29th December 9am-4pm

30th December 9am-4pm

31st December 9am-1pm

1st January closed

Visit to Craven Wildlife Rescue

A few weeks ago we had a very exciting opportunity to visit Craven Wildlife Rescue's site. Staff member Kai, trustee Rachel and volunteer Pip made the trip to North Yorkshire.

During their visit they got to have a tour of the site and meet many of the residents including hedgehogs, owls, ferrets and more! They also had the opportunity to have a small meeting to discuss the vital and impressive work they do, opportunities of working together in the future and recommendations on other charities that can support us with the wildlife that we help rescue.



Check out our upcoming events!

Follow us on our socials to find out more about our events!



RSPCA WESTMORLAND PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS MUSIC BINGO
PARTY NIGHT
STAVELEY VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Come and join us for a night of "eyes down, ears open" Raffle with great prizes, bring your own drink and nibbles.
£15 per ticket includes your cards.

BOOK NOW VIA THE QR CODE OR THE LINK ON OUR WEB SITE
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM
www.rspca-westmorland.org.uk
01539 736307 OPTION 2

Lino Print Workshop
with Sean Willis

Join us for an introduction to linoprint for beginners and improvers, where you can create your very own print to take home. Whether it be of your beloved pet, wildlife or landscape, Sean has lots of designs for you to choose from.

When?
21st of February 2026 with two available sessions to book:
10am-1pm or 2pm-5pm

Where?
RSPCA Westmorland Hall,
Riverview, Beeson Fields, LA9 6BL

£40 per person which includes all materials, coffee and cake.

To book your place, scan the QR code or visit our website at www.rspca-westmorland.org.uk

Limited places available!

Looking for an alternative gift? This would make a great Christmas present!

Speaker season at our hall in 2026!



January – Holistic vet, Doctor Ilse Pedler from Holistic Veterinary Care



February – Former Army vet, Kerry Alford



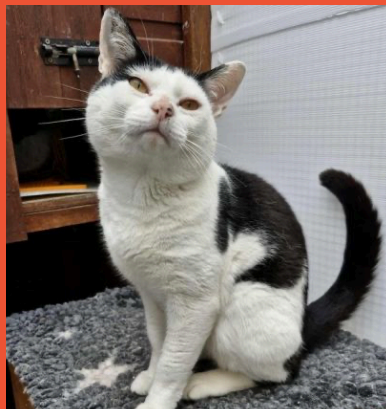
March – Pet Star Academy, Scent training



April – Badger conservation

Keep an eye on our website and social media for the confirmed dates and future talks!

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Merry Christmas from RSPCA Westmorland

Thank you to all of our
volunteers and supporters

